

State Workgroup for Community Inclusion and Health

Wednesday February 24, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: Department Operations Center
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246

Meeting Outcomes:

- I. Promote further networking through introductions, learning about a featured partner's work and thinking about other community partners who could participate in emergency preparedness.
- II. Begin brainstorming collaborative projects for community inclusion
- III. Identify a future meeting date.

Action Steps:

- Participate in the Doodle Poll (<http://doodle.com/poll/u8p6wb7p89rs3z6s>) to identify our May date by **April 1**
- Provide feedback (aimee.vothsiebert@state.co.us) about the draft Vision and Mission statement for this workgroup:
 - Vision: Emergency systems whose effectiveness is evaluated and improved based on the WHOLE community's experience during disasters.
 - Mission: That diverse community leaders and emergency partners interested in community inclusion have a state-level forum to address challenges and opportunities to make emergency systems effective and responsive to the health of the WHOLE Colorado community.
- Add to the Emergency and Community Partners List (in Attachments) to help this workgroup be more inclusive. Consider your colleagues in other parts of the state, service providers to your communities, health care providers who focus on particular populations' needs.
- Begin brainstorming emergency planning/preparedness projects that you would bring to your community. Think collaboratively about partners to work with and outcomes that would benefit groups with shared or similar communication, health, independence, services, transportation, or other emergency concerns (proposal template in attachments.) Who may be interested in these proposals?
- Explore the links and attachments below, and let Aimee (aimee.vothsiebert@state.co.us) know what you'd like to explore further in future meetings
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 - EPR News is a monthly newsletter that the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response distributes once a month. When you open this link, the subscribe button is in the upper left hand corner. This subscription is only used for EPRNews = 1 email month. I recommend subscribing because this newsletter includes upcoming training opportunities, information from OEPR about statewide efforts, and highlights from emergency health partners, which may point to ways to collaborate with other organizations. YOU can even contribute to the newsletter! If you have information you would like included in the newsletter, questions or comments/suggestions, you can contact OEPR's communication liaison, Juliann Bertone (juliann.bertone@state.co.us)

Links:

- www.SF72.org – San Francisco's Preparedness website that focuses on people networks as a foundation of disaster resilience
- <http://bit.ly/communityinclusionmaps> - Community Inclusion in Colorado Mapping Project
 - These maps are a work-in-progress to promote inclusive emergency preparedness and response. Making this data accessible is a challenge as maps are a primarily visual tool to display data. If you would like to talk about other formats that the data may be available in, please contact Aimee Voth

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- <http://www.phe.gov/empowermap/Pages/default.aspx> – Federal Dept. of Health and Human Services’ map service showing electricity-dependent durable medical equipment needs around the country (Colorado’s data is included in the Community Inclusion in Colorado Mapping Project)
- <http://www.communitycommons.org> - Community Commons, another source for lots of community data across the country.
- <http://adapresentations.org/archive.php> – FEMA/ADA National Network’s archive of Emergency Management/Preparedness webinars inclusive of people with disabilities
- <http://www.nhspl.org/measuring-preparedness/community-planning-engagement/> - the National Health Security Preparedness Index’s page about community planning and engagement.

Attachments:

- Powerpoint presentation from the Independence Center, Colorado Springs
- [Emergency and Community Partners List](#)
- A project [proposal template](#) from CDPHE’s Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- “Healthy, Resilient & Sustainable Communities after Disasters” article
- Older Adults Health Report from CDHS, CDPHE & HCPF
- CDC’s “Planning for an Emergency: Strategies for Identifying and Engaging At-Risk Groups: A guidance document for Emergency Managers”

Agenda:

I. Introductions

1:00 – 1:10 pm

Meeting attendees:

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At a past meeting, attendees had begun a list of inclusive meeting practices. The icebreaker for this meeting invited participants to add more inclusive meeting practices to the list.

Icebreaker Questions – your name & organization/community

- Your preferred pronoun
- A new Inclusive Meeting practice

- Hope for the meeting

The Inclusive Meeting Practices list now includes the following:

- Previously decided practices:
 - Speak with clarity and volume
 - Speak one at a time
 - Signal visually when you begin to speak
 - Say name/organization when you are speaking to help build relationships
- New practices:
 - Respect preferred pronouns and names
 - Written feedback/minutes and contacts from meeting
 - Materials in different formats (i.e., large print, text, digital)
 - Speak slowly
 - Beware of acronyms
 - Captions/script for visuals
 - Continuing to have interpreters
 - Teleconferencing options
 - Repeat questions
- Hopes for meeting:
 - Networking
 - Better understanding of each organization
 - Better understanding about the group as a whole
 - Eventually including how to communicate with and include people living with dementia
 - Dementia Free America (Dementia Free Denver) dfamerica.org
 - Focus of this group is on people's health during disasters
 - Hope for future: state, regional, and local groups like this
- SF 72 (www.sf72.org)
 - Emergency preparedness hub of San Francisco, CA
 - Completely focused on relationships! "We believe in connection, not catastrophe"

II. Featured Partner – The Independence Center, CO Springs 1:10 – 1:40 pm Presented by Greg Monck, Emergency Program Coordinator – ppt. included in attachments

- The Independence Center Overview
 - Non-profit civil rights organization
 - Provide traditional and self-directed home health care
 - Provide advocacy
 - Mission: work with people with disabilities, their families, and the community so that all may thrive
- Got into emergency preparedness because of Waldo Canyon Fire 2012 challenges and findings
 - Ineffective/lack of multifaceted communication
 - Lack of accessibility in shelters
 - Transportation and mobility
 - Lack of individual and family preparedness
- Challenges were addressed and useful in response to Black Forest Fire 2013
- Created Emergency Preparedness Workbook specific to persons with disabilities
 - Access to workbook on website
 - Trainings can be provided on workbook
- EOC liaison program
- Sitting on Access and Functional Needs committees throughout counties
- Building Community Advisory Groups
 - 18 Emergency Preparedness Kits for people living with disabilities
 - Placed around state of Colorado by American Red Cross
 - Need more ramps (Cheryl and Kristen)

- Currently vetting places used as shelters to grade them, so that they know about accessibility levels
 - Involved in training development
 - Implemented texts to 911
 - First line of text needs to include address
 - CO Springs Independent Living Center is only one with emergency preparedness program
 - Trying to expand this to other Independent Living Centers
 - Created accessibility at emergency shelter training video
 - 30 minutes, stand alone
 - For managers at Red Cross shelters
 - Desire to move this into part of regular training, rather than just specialized
 - Ensuring ADA committees involved in actual exercises
 - Provide joint training with American Red Cross
 - Involved in VOAD
 - Future hopes
 - CILS assign center-level coordinators
 - CILS coordinators develop collective resources plans and operating procedures
 - CILs preparedness coordinators work with all OEMs to bridge disability gap
 - Include interpreters in emergency planning (Matthew)
 - Funding opportunities
 - Terri Olrich at The Independence Center
 - Seeks out and prepares applications for grants
 - Daniels Fund Grant
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III. Future Workgroup Members – Who’s Not Here?

1:40 – 2:00 pm

- Community partners identified before the meeting:
 - Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Colorado Muslim Society
 - Denver Indian Center
 - Denver Indian Health and Family Services
 - Southern Ute
 - Ute Mountain Ute
- Emergency partners identified before the meeting:
 - Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management
 - Parker Police Department
 - FEMA
- Brainstorming on missing partners (focus on local, regional, state, and community-served)
 - Stephanie suggested that it may be helpful to have a vision and mission of the workgroup to help identify what partners would be good to invite.
 - After the meeting, Aimee brainstormed a draft vision and mission that is included in the “Action Steps” for your feedback.
- Partners suggested at the meeting

- Interpretation providers (i.e., Purple)
- Latina community
- Health care coalitions
- Colorado Area Health Education Centers
- Migrant Coalitions – Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
- COVOAD organizations
- Community Inclusion Maps – link provided
 - www.cohealthmaps.dphe.state.co.us/colorado_community_inclusion
 - (Matthew:) Concern for Maps – deaf and hard of hearing population is not necessarily accurately represented
 - How do we improve this?
 - Undocumented disabilities? A lot of people with a disability that don't necessarily self-identify or document it in some way.
 - Intersection of identities
- Consider the systems that have been the most helpful to *you* and tell a story about it – people listen to stories!
- **List of future workgroup members is included in attachments. Please brainstorm partners to add to it. Think about systems of services that you are connected to who might represent critical partners for your communities.**

IV. Emergency Health Project Ideas for your communities 2:00 – 2:45 pm

- Ideas from last meeting – in November, workgroup participants began identifying technical assistance or training that would be helpful to emergency preparedness or emergency health concerns in their communities (see November meeting minutes and survey results)
- if people have ideas about projects that would be helpful to their communities, consider using a template like the supplemental funds application from CDPHE OEPR to organize your ideas (in “Attachments”). Part of the workgroup’s effort will be to share funding opportunities with one another that might support inclusive emergency preparedness/response activities.
 - Encourage collaborative projects that involve community and traditional emergency partners
- We will revisit this topic in a future meeting.

V. Next Meeting 2:45 – 3:00 pm

Please fill out the doodle poll – included in “Action Steps” to identify the next meeting date.